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SHONTS TOLD 'ANDY' OF MORGAN SQUEEZE; DEFINES 'SLUSH FUND' ON THE STAND

HANS SCHMIDT DIES IN CHAIR FOR MURDER OF YOUNG GIRL; ASKS FORGIVENESS OF ALL

Says "Goodby to My Mother" in Last Words as He Is Strapped Down.

SHOUTED A FAREWELL.

Halted at Death House Door to Bid Loud Goodby to Prisoners He Left.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)
OSSING, Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt was put to death at 5:32 o'clock this morning in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison for the murder of Anna Ammuelter.

To the surprise of those who have not been acquainted with the complete change in the spirit of the man since his arrest, he met his death with conspicuous calm.

Just as the door opened to admit him to the death chamber, Schmidt, collarless, his face set but not in the least pallid or fear-stricken, turned back and shouted in a full voice: "Goodby everybody, and especially Watson; goodby everybody."

"There was a mumbled chorus in reply from beyond, cut off by the closing of the door."

MAKES LAST PLEA IN CALM TONE.

Schmidt turned to the spectators in the chamber. A brown wood and silver crucifix in his right hand was held out at arm's length toward them.

"I want to say one word before I go," he said in a tone which was pleading rather than protesting.

The attendants began gently to move him toward the chair two feet away.

"One moment, please; just one moment," he said in a tone which made them drop their hands instinctively.

The condemned man turned toward the witnesses again.

"I beg forgiveness of all those whom I have offended; all those whom I have scandalized," he said. "And I forgive all those who have offended against me."

Once more he was guided backward.

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BOY HERO TWICE FAILS TO SAVE MAN'S LIFE

Not Strong Enough to Pull Insubstantial Miner From Track, He Tries to Flag Train and Is Balked.

RUSSIANS TO PRESS ON FROM ERZERUM TO THE BLACK SEA

Force of the Grand Duke Is Reported Already Within 50 Miles of Trebizond.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Russian forces forming the right wing of the Grand Duke's Caucasian army are within fifty miles of the important Turkish Black Sea port of Trebizond, according to despatches received here today.

The ancient city of Erebuni, on the road from Erzerum to Trebizond, has been captured, it was reported. The Russians are pushing on toward the Pontine Mountains, barring their march on Trebizond.

The capture of Trebizond is expected within another fortnight. Advances from Petrograd today said it was considered certain that the Grand Duke would send a force against the city before pressing his campaign against the Turks to the westward.

Within twenty-four hours a definite statement is expected from Petrograd on the number of prisoners and guns captured. An official statement telegraphed here today reported the capture of twenty-five more guns and about 1,500 prisoners in the outer forts, but said the registration of prisoners and booty inside the fortress had only begun.

A large part of the Turkish army defending Erzerum, taken by surprise under the methods adopted by the Russians, is now said to be in disorderly flight on the roads leading to Sivas.

After the Russians succeeded in taking by storm the first line forts on Feb. 2, there began a persistent bombardment of the Turkish center, followed by a bayonet charge, the impetuosity of which swept the defenders off their feet. The highest tribute is paid to the bravery of the Caucasian troops, whose charge is considered likely to go down in history as one of the most brilliant feats of the war. It is recognized here that the success of the assault was due almost entirely to the bayonet work of these troops, since the artillery preparation was insufficient in intensity and duration, according to military experts, to reduce even a strong field position.

AMSTERDAM, Holland (via London), Feb. 18.—The Cologne Gazette publishes a despatch from Petrograd announcing the capture of Erzerum, and adds:

"If the news is confirmed, the Russians have achieved a success which probably cost them great sacrifice, but which nevertheless remains a success."

ROOSEVELT AT ST. THOMAS.

Stops for a Day and Sees Some Danish West Indies Sights.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Feb. 18.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived here today from New York on the steamship Guiana.

In the absence of the Governor, who is at St. Croix, he was welcomed by the Governor's secretary. The Colonel inspected the recently completed harbor works and then drove about the town visiting other places of interest. He dined with the Governor's secretary, declined to be interviewed on political affairs, saying he had come here for a rest. He will leave St. Thomas early tomorrow morning.

NEW U-BOAT RULE IS CALLED PIRACY BY SENATOR LODGE

He Declares Consent to Disarm Merchantmen Would Humiliate the United States.

STANDS BY PRECEDENT.

Change of Rule Now Could Be Construed as an Unneutral Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Germany and Austria propose piracy. Senator Lodge declared in the Senate today. It is inconceivable, he said, that the United States should accept their plan to sink armed merchantmen without warning.

After citing precedents that arming merchantmen for defense has been allowed ever since the days of Barbary pirates, and to show it has been approved by the United States during the present war, he declared that to change this policy now would be to commit an unneutral act in favor of Germany.

Lodge and Senator Sterling spoke on the latter's resolution, declaring the United States cannot accept the principle proposed by Germany and Austria.

"The abandonment of the right of merchant vessels to arm, or of the right of Americans to travel or ship cargo on these ships," he said, "is utterly incredible. Such abandonment could rest only on the ground that the rights of neutrals, centuries old, must be thrown aside so that a new instrument of maritime destruction must not be impeded in its work of death and murder. Such a doctrine is revolting to every instinct of humanity, to every principle of law and justice."

"The merchantmen of one belligerent have been swept from the seas. Therefore if we should abandon all the principles for which we have stood it would make us the ally of the belligerent whose merchantmen have been swept from the seas. It would put us in a position of hostility to those belligerents whose merchantmen still sail the seas. It would be a step toward war."

"For these reasons I cannot believe the administration thinks of altering our well-defined position. Should it act otherwise it would accept a humiliation and incur a danger of war from which even the boldest and most unscrupulous would shrink, and therefore such a course as has been discussed in the newspapers seems wholly inconceivable."

Senator Sterling of South Dakota spoke on his resolution to declare the Senate's concern at the recent German naval order to sink all armed allied merchant ships. He said the issue brought the United States to its "gravest international crisis."

"Instead of yielding to the claims of the German Admiralty," said Mr. Sterling, "their very mention should meet with vigorous protest. Instead of leniency this old right of the seas we should now at all times live with any other nation in seeking to uphold it. Let another sea horror occur in which American lives are involved, and this Administration and the world will know that there is a real America, not supine, apathetic and hesitating, but strong, militant, if need be, and ready to respond to those noble impulses of liberty and humanity which have been our heritage from the beginning."

At the conclusion of the addresses by Senators Lodge and Sterling, Senator Thomas read today's announcement that the United States would accept nothing short of full and complete agreement and that the State Department regarded Germany's declaration of intention to sink all armed merchant ships to be inconsistent with previous assurances.

SECOND THREAT TO KILL, IN A LETTER FROM CRONES, PUTS POLICE HERE ON GUARD

Special Watch Put On Schools and Parochial Houses in Fear of Mad Anarchist.

HOTELS GET WARNING.

Latest Note Jeers Police—Maniac Visited Police Headquarters Here, He Writes.

All the energies of the Detective Bureau of the Police Department were exerted today in the direction of apprehending Jean Crones, the maniac anarchist who tried to poison the guests at the banquet to Archbishop Mundelein in Chicago. The police feel sure Crones is now in New York. A second letter alleged to be from Crones, printed today, states that he passed an hour around Police Headquarters yesterday and is preparing to "let 'er go."

Detectives and policemen armed with an adequate description of Crones have visited all hotels and restaurants in the city and warned proprietors against employing the poisoner. It is expected that he will try to get a job as a cook.

Patrolmen are keeping a special watch over churches and parochial residences and schools, for Crones' mania inspires him particularly to enmity to religion.

In his second letter Crones incited what he said were his finger prints. They are valuable, insofar as aiding the police investigation is concerned, but they will be of value if he is captured and taken to court as establishing him as the writer of letters in which he had admitted trying to poison Archbishop Mundelein and 309 others, mostly prominent Catholic clergymen of Chicago.

Chicago detectives are in New York working with the local sleuths in the search for Crones. None of the Chicago men ever saw Crones and they are working entirely on vague descriptions of the man given by persons who worked with him in the kitchen of the University Club in Chicago.

The post marks on this second letter show it was collected near the General Post Office late yesterday. There is no doubt in the minds of the authorities that Crones wrote this letter, as well as the one made public yesterday. Like the first letter, the second consists of four sheets of foolscap. The last page has a set of finger prints, with this challenge:

"Here is a finger print from me so you see I am Jean Crones."

The first page of the letter reads:

"While at Europe millions of Christians are slaughtering each other in the most bloody massacre, and in these free country thousands of men and women are tramping the streets without food and shelter at the very same time the Church holds dinners and pays 15¢ for each cover which starts with Helms Cavalier and Champagne, the same money which was begard from poor working men and women the same money were the blood of poor workers has run for."

"These conditions are an scandal that is the failure of Christianity in its duty toward humanity and a challenge to humanity let the Church answer those my charges toward the world."

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Last Two Days of Big Sale.

310 Men's Suits and Overcoats, \$4.95. The CHUBB Clothing Store, Broadway corner Barclay Street (Opp. World Building), will sell today and Saturday the balance of last Monday's Big Sale of Overcoats, fine black fur coats, lined suits and overcoats, and all other goods. The sale closes at 12 o'clock Saturday night. The Hub Clothing Store, Broadway, corner Barclay Street—Advt.

SWEDEN WARNS SUBJECTS TO KEEP OFF ARMED SHIPS

Formal Notice of Germany's New Rule Given Through Diplomatic Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Swedish Government, in reply to the German and Austrian proclamation that armed merchantmen will be attacked without warning after Feb. 29, has issued a warning to Swedish citizens not to travel on such vessels.

The Swedish Foreign Office has instructed its consular and diplomatic representatives throughout the world to issue such warnings to all Swedish citizens in their territory and to specifically warn those who have engaged passage aboard armed liners.

The action of the Swedish Government caused great interest in Washington. It was pointed out that those who have insisted the United States should take just such a step would strengthen their position. Sweden is known to be friendly to Germany, and the German Government may have influenced her action for the effect it may have in America.

SNOW AND COLD SNAP ON WAY FROM CANADA

Weather Forecaster Tells of Unusual Storm Movement Which Will Affect New York.

Snow and a cold snap are due in New York to-night. They are bound to-day by a Canadian gale. The rain of to-day will be followed by snow and then the cold wave will set in. It is expected that a mantle of white three inches thick will cover the city by to-morrow.

"This is an unusual storm movement," said Assistant Forecaster Reed. "It now is centered in Toronto, with a northeast appendage working toward New York and a southerly one bound toward Virginia. The northeast appendage carries with it rain and snow."

Storm warnings have been posted along the Atlantic Coast from Cape Hatteras to Maine.

GREAT AIR SQUADRONS IN THREE NIGHT RAIDS

British, French and German Aviators Drop Bombs in Flanders and Balkans.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—The War Office in its official statement today reported aerial activities in Flanders and in the Balkans. British aviators bombarded German positions with high explosive bombs, and the Germans responded by dropping incendiary bombs on British positions.

In the Balkans, a squadron of French aviators dropped bombs on the railroad station of Monrovia, in the Vardar valley, east of Strumica.

The Galt-Wilson hat is a dream in orchids. Latest Spring Millinery Creation to Be Shown at Convention—Also the Leap Year Bonnet.

MOTHER OF BOY BABY, FIFTH GRANDCHILD OF COL. ROOSEVELT



Mrs. KERMIT ROOSEVELT

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 17.—A cablegram from Buenos Ayres, Argentina, announces the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt was Miss Belle Willard of this city, daughter of the American Ambassador at Madrid. She has been in Buenos Ayres two months. This is Col. Roosevelt's fifth grandchild.

M'CARREN'S ESTATE PAYS 50 CENTS ON DOLLAR

Owed A. N. Brady \$41,000 and "Big Tim" Sullivan \$5,000 for Loans.

An accounting filed today in Brooklyn by Samuel S. Whitehouse, surviving executor of the estate of Senator Patrick H. McCarren, shows that debts amounting to over a quarter of a million dollars have been settled at the rate of 50 cents on the dollar. Some of the bigger claims accounted for follow, the first figures indicating the amount of indebtedness, the second figures the amount paid in settlement.

Central Trust Company, for loans, \$75,214.35, \$39,607.20.

Anthony N. Brady, for loans, \$41,000, \$20,500.00.

Emilie Huber, for loans, \$31,248, \$15,624.00.

Title Guarantee & Trust Company, for loans, \$20,433.42, \$10,216.71.

Borough Bank of Brooklyn, for loans, \$13,165.84, \$6,582.92.

William H. Reynolds, for loans, \$11,199.81, \$5,599.90.

Flower & Co., for loans, \$5,667.44, \$2,833.72.

Timothy D. Sullivan, for loans, \$3,827.95, \$1,913.98.

Estate of James B. Haeglin, loans, \$28,415.32, \$14,207.66.

Mr. Whitehouse has been allowed \$20,794 for his fees as executor.

GALT-WILSON HAT A DREAM IN ORCHIDS

Latest Spring Millinery Creation to Be Shown at Convention—Also the Leap Year Bonnet.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The Galt-Wilson hat—the newest creation in spring millinery—will be displayed for the first time to-morrow, when it takes its place among the designs at the convention of the National Association of Retail Milliners at the La Salle Hotel. Miss Marie S. Harris, President of the association, designed the creation from the orchid hat.

The Galt-Wilson hat is made of delicate orchid shades of green and blue, trimmed with orchids. It is different from nearly all other spring millinery in that it has a brim. It is for evening wear.

LETTER SENT TO FREEDMAN SHOWS HOW MORGAN FORCED INTERBOROUGH TO PAY HIGH

Shonts Tells What "Slush Fund" Means but Says He Doesn't Ap- prove of It—Admits Andy Carried His Bonds.

"WHY, WE WERE ALL PIKERS," HE SAYS OF \$125,000 BONUS.

A letter written by Theodore P. Shonts to Andrew Freedman showing the domination of J. P. Morgan & Co. in the affairs of the Interborough Metropolitan was read at today's session of the Thompson Committee inquiry by Bainbridge Colby, attorney for the committee. The letter was dated Sept. 13, 1910, and although it did not mention the Morgan firm by name it referred pointedly to "the people on the corner."

Mr. Shonts protested against the inclusion of the letter in the record, saying he did not think it a necessary procedure. But Mr. Colby read it, nevertheless.

The letter related the willingness of the Morgan firm, the National City and the First National Banks "to get under the Interborough securities."

GERMANY'S DECLINING BIRTH RATE ALARMS

Prussian Diet Warned That Country May Soon Be in Same Position as France.

BERLIN, Feb. 17 (via London, Feb. 18).—The declining birth rate in Germany, which was attracting attention before the war, is receiving more serious consideration at the present time, in view of the losses sustained in war. This subject was brought up today in the budget committee of the Prussian Diet. A representative of the ministry predicted that unless a radical change should be made, Germany would soon be in the position of France, with deaths exceeding births. The speaker also referred to the high rate of infant mortality.

The Minister of Education said he recognized the seriousness of the situation. He informed the committee that the Government already had taken the matter under consideration and was conferring with specialists in an effort to devise ways of remedying the evil.

HEAVY BRITISH LOSS REPORTED BY BERLIN

Attempt to Recapture 700 Yards of Trenches at Ypres Said to Have Failed.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 18.—The British have suffered very heavy losses in an unsuccessful attempt to recapture 700 yards of trench positions taken by the Germans south of Ypres, the War Office announced this afternoon.

South of the Somme similar counterattacks by the French broke down under heavy German fire. All the positions captured by the Germans in the recent fighting near Erise have been maintained.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The following statement on military operations was issued this afternoon by the War Office:

"The night was calm along the entire front."

Mother Seeks Irene McLaughlin. Irene McLaughlin, eighteen years old, of No. 51 West Forty-ninth Street, was reported missing from her home today. She is a tall girl, weighs 120 pounds, has blue eyes, and light hair and wears a blue and green coat and black skirt. Her mother asked the police to look for her.